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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm -Cobden
Sunday: 9am 1st Sun.-Simpson
(except winter, then Timboon)
9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore
9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon
(Lay-led assembly will be held
on the other weekends)
Sun: 11am Camperdown

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6.30 pm – Cobden
Sunday 9:00 am Lismore
11.00 am Camperdown
(Lay Assembly – Timboon,
Simpson)

Readings for next Sunday

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4--8
2nd Reading:
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Gospel: John 6:41-51

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues.
Parish bank details: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes). **Presbytery:** BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142. Thank you.



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Dedication of St Mary
Major Basilica
Tues- Transfiguration of the
Lord
Wed- St Cajetan
Thu- St Dominic
Fri- St Teresa Benedicta

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Peter Karlsen, and Brian Wain. (the names here will only appear for a month unless by notice)

Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Eileen Russell, River Sinnott, Leonard Brewer, Edith Ryan, Jill Ashmore, Mary O'Brien, Dinny Ryan (The names won't appear automatically unless by notice)

Parish Notices

All notices need to be delivered in writing, emailed, or phoned into the Parish Office by noon Thursday.
George Swierczek: 0439 145 805

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year – B. 04/08/2024

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."

Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. Dates are: Ballarat - August 4 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – Ss Peter and Paul Church, Buninyong; Ballarat – August 13 – 5.00pm – 8.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree; Warrnambool - August 25 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool. Website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 4-11, 2024



National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer and education and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. This celebration coincides with the feast of the country's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. We pray for more generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia. For information regarding vocations, go to <https://sydneyvocations.org/events/national-vocations-awareness-week-2024-2/>

Vocations Prayer

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life and societies of apostolic life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptised to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalised. Amen.

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebration – August 8, 2024

Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney and the Sisters of Saint Joseph are livestreaming Mass on August 8, 2024 at 10.00am to celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop. Livestream link is <https://www.youtube.com/embed/lppmamzmOb0>. Resources to assist with celebrations for this Feast day are available at <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/chapel/feast-day-resources/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

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Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24*

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading: *Ephesians 4:17, 20-24*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation) Matthew 4:4*

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 6:24-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Who can satisfy human appetites?*

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life *to the world*.

4 August-2024	18th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		K Daffy	P Dwyer	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown		S Grinter	R Henry	S Gillett
Counting Team: A & N Powling			Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: S Grinter			Altar Cobden: M Walsh	
Marian Statue: H & J Seuren				

11 August-2024	19th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden		G Kelson	A Horan	P Dwyer
11am: Camperdown		J Gardner	M Macaulay	M Russell
Counting Team: H & J Seuren			Altar Camperdown: R Henry	
Church Cleaning: MRC			Altar Cobden: M Walsh	
Marian Statue: T & T O'Leary				

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